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As city grapples with water scarcity, commercial establishments to be told to rein in water-intensive festivities this Holi

WATERCOLOUR

Rain dance, water-based colour, pool parties require a lot of water

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> **"Our ability to afford water tankers does not give us the right to squander this shared resource**
>
> — Odette Katrak, co-founder, Beautiful Bharat

The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has decided to crack the whip against commercial establishments in the city that are planning to celebrate Holi with pool parties and rain dance events. BWSSB chairman Ram Prasath Manohar told BM that the board will be approaching these establishments to discuss the scenario.

"We will call them up soon to discuss the issue and provide directions for Holi. Necessary action will be taken if the need arises," said Manohar.

This is after multiple hotels and resorts in the city have not shied away from advertising Holi celebrations with a splash. Rain dances in open spaces, the use of water-based colours to play along with facilities to wash, and massive swimming pool Holi celebrations are only some of the ways commercial establishments are planning to mark the festival, while the city grapples with severe water scarcity.

However, these plans have sparked backlash not just from city-based activists and environmentalists, but from conscientious Bengalureans too. They said in the fallout of the climate crisis and current water crisis, it is appropriate that we recalibrate festival celebrations or occasions so that they are more in tune with the stressed environment.

"I recall a Holi many years ago in Gurgaon when the rain dance continued for four hours, and the streets in front of our building had rivers of coloured water. That evening, I was mortified to see construction workers walking with empty pots to collect water for their basic needs. That reminded me that our ability to afford water tankers does

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High & dry

Closure of old age home imminent if water crisis persists

Some of the inmates of Asare Old Age Home

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Around 190 orphans and individuals with mental disabilities sheltered at Asare Old Age Home near Laggere are immensely worried about their future — the management has been finding it tough to manage the old age home due to acute shortage of drinking water for the last 20 days.

Though not many of them are in a position to think about their future, the closure of the old age home is imminent if the water crisis persists.

Asare Old Age Home has been functioning for four years at Laggere without any hassles for drinking water as yield of water in the borewell has been sufficient all these years.

Prior to this, the old age home was functioning at Tavarekere. With the groundwater table hitting rock bottom in and around Laggere, borewells have dried up thus causing acute shortage of water.

The inmates have no other option than depending on the generosity of

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Lights, camera, action!

Catch a glimpse of Girish Karnad's "Benda Kaalu on Toast," a play set in Bengaluru that revolves around an intersection of rich and poor characters and talks of the city's different dreams and realities at Ranga Shankara. The play, performed in Kannada, features direction by S Surendranath, who is known for his previous work on Karnad's "Nagamandala," and scenography by the legendary filmmaker MS Sathyu.
When: March 21 and 22, 7:30 pm
Where: Ranga Shankara 36/2, JP Nagar

02 Space, satellites, and drones

Get firsthand in-person experience watching a professional drone take off, 3D printers printing fascinating tools in real-time, understanding how to talk to astronauts orbiting the International Space Station, looking at high-definition selfies of planet Earth clicked from satellite cameras, and much more through a 90-minute hands-on session prepared specially for kids aged 10 and above. **When: March 23 and 24**
Where: Giftd Minds Learning Center, HSR Layout

03 Cinema and stories

Celebrate the art of short filmmaking and explore the power of storytelling in a compact yet impactful format at 'The Jain University Short Film Festival,' hosting prominent figures of the Kannada film industry such as Manju Swaraj, film director and screenwriter; Naveen Shankar, actor; Champa Shetty, director; BS Kemparaju, editor; and Harish Raj, actor and director. The event will feature screenings of short films and honour and celebrate new talents for their outstanding work and exceptional contributions to the art of filmmaking.
When: March 21, 9:30 am; Where: Suchitra Cinema and Cultural Academy, Banashankari Stage II

Say no to plastic, yes to clean & green parks

Jnana Bharathi campus biopark to have one manned entry and exit for better efficacy

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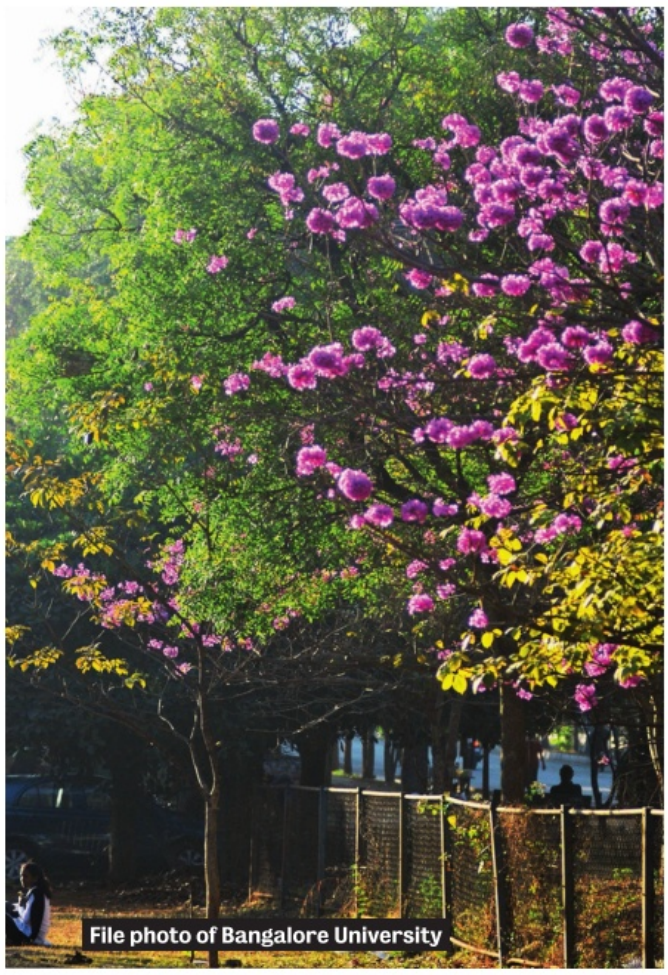
Bangalore University's (BU) Jnana Bharathi campus has decided to fence the biodiversity parks in order to conserve the green expanse.

According to BU officials, a fund of eight crore rupees under the PM-USHA scheme will soon be diverted towards safeguarding bioparks on the campus.

"Work will begin as soon as we receive the funds. There will be one manned entry and exit to the park, which will help us manage the space more efficiently," said Dr ST Girish, professor and coordinator of the biopark department.

Officials say that the decision has been taken after many complaints of littering and fire incidents inside the park area. "Currently, nearly 90% of the visitors are those from outside the campus. With multiple entry and exit points, it is difficult to keep track of who is walking in and out. Littering is a problem we are constantly fighting with with people walking in with banned plastic items, and the use of dustbins is to the minimum. Fire is another hazard that needs management. This is a dry deciduous forest with withered leaves, leaving a probability of miscreants setting a fire," said an official.



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Illegal tree-felling

On Tuesday evening, regular walkers raised an alarm about illegal tree felling inside the biopark. "A lot of tree logs can be seen inside the park premises. These green patches are not being maintained and managed well by the BU administration. There have been multiple fire incidents inside bioparks over the last few days. Most of these parks are developed by walkers and volunteer groups, but the administration has not been paying attention to illegal activities such as tree felling and encroachment," said HK Gowdaiah, a member of the Jnana Bharathi Walkers' Association.

The officials say the area in question does not belong to the biopark and is under the Forest Cell of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). "Any report of trees being felled inside bioparks is false. The tree logs are in the area under BBMP, which is being used by them to store confiscated timber and for other purposes," said Dr Girish.

> **"There are many complaints on littering and fire incidents in the park area** – Park officials

However, sources inside the campus allege that BBMP is using the land without official approval from the varsity. "There are certain rules to be followed for a timber storage yard, but BBMP is doing it haphazardly. The area is currently neither fenced nor tagged as a storage yard. BBMP has also not sought official approval from the varsity to use the space," a source added.

Students are now ready to experiment, fail, learn and repeat

Around 100 govt schools are equipped with science kits; 50 in Tumakuru and 15 in Mulbagal taluks

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For students of government schools at Mulbagal, Kolar and Mandya, it is an exciting foray into the world of science. All thanks to an NGO that equipped the schools with science kits that allow them to have practical lessons.

"We distributed science kits to around 100 schools. Science teachers of the government high schools explained the usage of the kits to the students. We are planning to distribute kits to government schools in Bengaluru Rural too in the future," said Vasantha Kavitha of KC Reddy Sarojamma Welfare Foundation (KCRS). Kavitha said that she procures the kits from New Delhi. These kits are made using low-cost resources from the environment. They include a balloon car, magnetic car, motorised car, sail boat, scuba driver, air-occupied space, wooden house, wind wheel, animal game, food chain, day and night model, eclipse model, solar system, skeleton puzzle, digestive system, and toy telescope. "We organised an awareness workshop for school teachers to improve teaching science by using low-cost technology aids," said Kavitha.

Many teachers of government high schools welcomed the foundation's initiative. "The science kits distributed among the students are of great help. It will be good if similar arrangements are made in the next academic year for the benefit of science students," said Suma TN, science teacher at Jnanavikas High School, Pandavapura taluk.

Srinivas Reddy, a science teacher at Government High School, Tumakuru, said the foundation and Education Department officers arranged to distribute the science kits among students at 50 government high schools in the district. Nagesh TS, a science teacher at Government High School, Mulbagal, said students of 15 government high schools here benefitted.

Government High School students use a science kit at Mulbagal

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Looking far & wide to find spots to sort trash

Plans on to produce bioCNG from wet waste, generate electricity from dry waste; BSWML searching for land to process 1,500–2,000 tonnes of waste all around city

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With the aim of addressing the city's long-standing trash issue, Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) is actively searching for land in all four directions of the city to establish waste processing units. Currently, nearly 100 acres of land has been identified in three directions. The responsibility for managing waste, previously a challenge for Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), has now been delegated to BSWML. This company is tasked with devising sustainable solutions that account for the city's growth and waste management needs for the next two decades. To this end, it plans to establish solid waste management plants capable of processing 1,500 to 2,000 tonnes of waste in each of the four directions.

Speaking on the matter, an official said, "While the identified land parcels have been located, formal handover to the company remains pending. The district administration will transfer the land once it receives official approval from the state cabinet." Sources reveal that there are 90 acres of land near Doddaballapura in Bengaluru North available for this purpose. Previously, a private firm managed waste processing here, but it has been closed down. The company intends to repurpose this land for its plant. Additionally, there is 100 acres of land in the west owned by Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation and another 100-acre tract near a quarry in the south. However, land scouting is still ongoing in the east direction.

Within BBMP limits, the city generates 5,500 metric tonnes of waste daily. Over the next 20 to 25 years, waste generation is projected to increase to 12,000 to 13,000 metric tonnes. Plans are underway to produce bioCNG from wet waste processing and generate electricity from dry waste.

Meanwhile, an Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) initiative was recently conducted in the southern zone with the aim of raising awareness among the public about crucial aspects such as waste segregation, environmental cleanliness, and the ban on single-use plastic (SUP). In addition to this, the citizens were also educated about proper solid waste disposal practices, waste treatment at the source, avoiding waste disposal on roads and public spaces, refraining from dumping garbage on vacant plots, and other pertinent issues affecting the southern zone during the event.

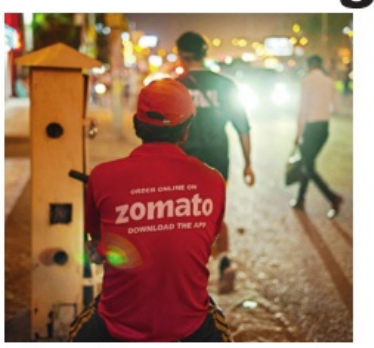
> **"While the identified land parcels have been located, formal handover to the company remains pending** – An official

"The daily collection of raw garbage via auto tippers was emphasised, with plans to collect dry waste twice a week moving forward. Residents were urged not to litter roads, sidewalks, or empty lots and instead hand over their waste to auto tippers to contribute to the city's cleanliness and aesthetic appeal. Efforts were made to raise awareness through the distribution of informative posters, chanting awareness slogans, and street dramas on solid waste management at various locations. Additionally, a significant emphasis was placed on promoting eco-friendly practices, such as distributing cloth bags at Madiwala and Sarakki markets. With the complete ban on SUP, the corporation distributed cloth bags, encouraging citizens to opt for cloth, fibre, or paper bags and discouraging the use of plastic handbags," said an official.

Survey reveals concerns of gig workers across platforms

About 84 per cent of gig workers are satisfied with the nature of their work, but some also raised concerns about the lack of social benefits like insurance and Provident Fund (PF), according to a report on Wednesday. The report by market research company Ipsos is based on a survey of 3,668 gig workers across platforms such as Swiggy, Zomato, Uber, Ola, InDrive, Rapido, Amazon, Flipkart, Zepto, BigBasket, and Dunzo, from six metro cities, namely Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Bengaluru, Kolkata, and Hyderabad. High earning potential (29 per cent), flexibility of schedule (27 per cent) and place (89 per cent), and desire for independence (24 per cent), stand out as the top motivators for gig workers to join the sector.

Flexibility (31 per cent) across platforms, being their boss (29 per cent), and finding a better work-life balance (25 per cent) were other key aspects of the gig economy.



On the other hand, the survey revealed that 29 per cent of gig workers highlighted the lack of social security benefits as a challenge.

Further, the survey revealed that in the absence of gig work, only 30 per cent would prefer traditional work or look for a full-time job as an alternative to meet their financial goals. **– IANS**

Veg/non-veg: Zomato revokes green uniform plan

India's largest food delivery firm Zomato on Wednesday ditched plans for green uniforms for a new vegetarian-only service, citing concerns the country's vast vegetarian population might then shun its regular service.

The decision was taken less than 24 hours after Zomato CEO Deepinder Goyal announced a green-coloured "Pure Veg" fleet, different from its normal red, to bring orders from vegetarian-only restaurants - a move that sparked widespread criticism and some praise, both mostly on social media.

"This will ensure that our red uniform delivery partners are not incorrectly associated with non-veg food, and blocked" by gated communities, Goyal said on X, announcing the scrapping of the green uniform.

"Our riders' physical safety is of paramount importance to us. We now realise that even some of our customers could get into trouble with their landlords, and that would not be a nice thing if that happened because of us," he said.

Zomato's move to launch a vegetarian-only delivery fleet drew criticism, including from politicians, on X with users saying it is discriminatory and promoted caste divides.

Supporters praised it saying it would help them easily locate vegetarian-only restaurants in the app. Goyal said Zomato will continue to have a dedicated service for vegetarians but in its usual red-coloured fleet. The decision was taken, Goyal said, after receiving feedback on the move, including "all the love and all the brickbats". **– Reuters**

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Litter bugged

Kudlu Layout

The garbage pile in Kudlu Layout near Avalamma Temple, Singasandra, reflects a disregard for social responsibility. Residents urge swift action from authorities against littering.

Debris mess

Tin Factory

There is a state of chaos near the new metro station in Tin Factory as mud and construction material remain uncleared.

What a dump

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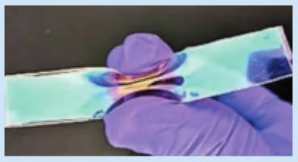
Flexible films that are bright, colourful

Researchers at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) have developed flexible films that exhibit bright colours purely by virtue of their physical structure, without the need for any pigment.

When stretched, the films exhibit a change in colour as a response to the mechanical deformation, the Bengaluru-based IISc said in a press



release on Tuesday.

To design these films, the team devised a novel cost-effective and scalable single-step technique that involves evaporating gallium metal to form nano-sized particles on a flexible substrate. Their method allows the simultaneous fabrication of multiple structural colours responsive to mechanical stimuli. The team has also shown how these films can be used for a variety of applications, from smart bandages and movement sensors to reflective displays, the release said.

"This is the first time that a liquid metal like gallium has been used for photonics," says Tapajyoti Das Gupta, Assistant Professor and corresponding author of the study published in 'Nature Nanotechnology.'

In recent years, scientists have been trying to design materials which can change colour in response to an external mechanical stimulus. The IISc team began experimenting with gallium.

–PTI

Hon'ble Court of FTC, Motor Accident Claims Tribunal Korba District - Korba (Chhattisgarh)
//NOTICE//

Proceeding No. 202/24 Case no. 235/2021
Next Hearing Date 01.05.2024

Mukesh Yadav
Versus
Subramaniam Gounder & others

The above applicant Mukesh Yadav has filed a claim against the non-applicant Subramaniam Godar in the court Mr. FTC Motor Accident Claim Tribunal Korba District Korba Chhattisgarh. The application has been submitted under Section 166 of the Motor Vehicles Act and the date for hearing of the said application has been fixed on 01.05.2024.

Hence, the Non-applicant Shri Jayabalan S/o R. Subramani R/o 10 SSS, BLDG 1st Main, A.V. Road Chamarajpet, Bangalore Dist-Bangalore (Karnataka) 560018. If you have any objection regarding the above case, then appear in the hearing on 01.05.2024 at 11.00 am and present your reply claim in this court, otherwise the case The hearing will be conducted by taking ex-parte action against you. Issued today on 19.02.2024 under the seal of the court and my signature.

Sd/- Smt. Jyothi Agarwal
Hon'ble FTC, Motor Accident Claims Tribunal Korba, District Korba

'Drop in bucket': 65 wildlife articles declared so far

3-month window to declare unlawful articles to end soon, but activists say fear of process keeping people from approaching officials

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Experts say in the state, Chikkamagaluru, Hassan and Sakaleshpura are a huge poaching belt

While the three-month window for surrendering undeclared wildlife or animal articles in Karnataka will shut soon, response by the public has been lukewarm. So far, only 65 declarations have been made with the Karnataka Forest Department (KFD).

"As many as 65 people from different districts have come forward to surrender animal articles that they possessed without a certificate of ownership. These items include elephant tusks, tiger claws, antlers, gaur horns and. We are expecting more calls as the three-month timeline approaches its tail end," said an official from KFD.

However, wildlife experts say the number of declarations made so far is not even a drop in the bucket.

"The number should have been much more than 65. There are so many incidents of poaching in the Malnad area. Chikkamagaluru, Hassan, Sakaleshpura is a huge poaching belt. Submissions should have run in a few hundred if not thousands," said a wildlife expert.

The state government issued a notification under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (WLPA) in January this year, allowing citizens to surrender undeclared wildlife or animal articles in their possession. The scheme was announced on January 10 and will close on April 9. After that, there will not be further opportunities to surrender items.

> **The government and the department should clarify that the scheme is to help those who missed out on declarations in the previously provided windows** –Wildlife activist

Those working on-ground say many citizens in possession of these items are fearful of approaching the department and thus either keeping quiet or going ahead and destroying these items on their own.

"I have received multiple calls from people with century-old artifacts, but without documentation and possession certificates. This is probably because the transfer done earlier was not thorough or the owners lost the documents. While many of these people want to reach out to the department and surrender, they are worried about the process. Many are scared and some have also gone ahead and destroyed these articles on their own," said Joseph Hoover, founder of the United Conservation Movement and Charitable Trust.

As per the new rule, after receiving the articles surrendered, the authority who has received them may inquire to verify and confirm that the articles surrendered are not sourced from hunting any wild animal after the commencement of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. If so, the person who surrendered the article will be prosecuted under the Act. The inquiries will be completed by or before ninety days from the date the artifacts have been surrendered.

The surrendered items will be disposed of under the provisions of the Disposal of Wild Animal Articles Rules, 2023. Wildlife conservationists dealing with these calls say the government should communicate to the public that those reaching out to surrender will not face any scrutiny or harassment. This clarity from the department will ensure more surrenders over the next couple of weeks that are left before the window closes.

"The government and the department should clarify that the scheme is to help those who missed out on declarations in the previously provided windows and is an opportunity to surrender undeclared wildlife articles. Authorities need to be more approachable," said a city-based wildlife activist.

A similar 30-day window was opened under Wildlife (Conservation) (Karnataka Rules) in 1973, and thereafter in 2003 for 180 days to obtain a certificate of possession of wildlife items. The government, in its notification early this year however had clarified that if the current window is missed, those found in possession of undeclared artifacts or involved in the trade of wildlife products will be prosecuted under the Wildlife Protection Act.

Metro guard suspended after flashing claim

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A security guard working at Namma Metro has been suspended after an alleged incident of flashing to a passenger came to light. The incident is said to have taken place on March 17. However, it was brought to the notice of the police by the woman on Tuesday.

The woman had initially written to the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) authorities via email along with a video of the incident demanding action against the guard. The email read, "This is from a metro passenger (female) sending this mail. Today I had an experience where a security guard was continuously staring at me simultaneously making some gestures such as keeping hands on his private parts from the opposite side of the platform. It happened around 2:30 pm. This happened in Jalahalli metro station. I was so uncomfortable during the day time itself. And I tried asking him but still he kept staring at me by doing some gestures. So I started taking a video. Then he turned aside. I have attached a video proof with this mail. I kindly request you to take some actions. I'm not feeling safe."

Woman says she was groped outside her home

A woman has alleged an incident of groping right outside her house and has filed a complaint regarding the matter with Bengaluru Police. The woman took to X explaining the ordeal she had to go through. She has also posted videos of the accused. "Last night in Namma Bengaluru, a friend of mine dropped me near my house and as I was about to open the gate, this man came and groped me from behind and started running. I called my friend and asked him to stop him before he rode away," she said. "In this video, the man is accepting what he has done... We called the Police on site ..." she added. She expressed anger over the redressal process. "I am unable to file an FIR because of all the trouble that lies ahead of it..."

Following this, BMRCL said on Wednesday, "In response to the Jalahalli incident complaint, the said security guard is placed under suspension pending detailed investigation. Any action detrimental to the safety and security of women passengers, BMRCL has a zero tolerance policy for."

Presently, the north east division police have taken up the case and are investigating further.

Remark creates furore

DMK's complaint against Karandlaje: EC seeks immediate action

The Election Commission on Wednesday directed the Karnataka chief electoral officer to take immediate and appropriate action on the DMK's complaint about alleged model code violation by Union minister and BJP leader Shobha Karandlaje.

The poll panel also sought a compliance report on the matter within 48 hours.

The Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) has sought action against Karandlaje for alleging that a person from Tamil Nadu was responsible for the IED blast at the Rameshwaram Cafe in Bengaluru on March 1.

In its complaint to the Election Commission earlier in the day, the DMK said that the minister's statement generalised the people of Tamil Nadu as "extremists".

During a protest in Bengaluru on Tuesday, she had said that "law and order in Karnataka has deteriorated. People who come from Tamil Nadu plant bombs here, people from Delhi chant 'Pakistan Zindabad' slogans and people who come from Kerala were involved in acid attacks."

She later apologised for her remarks and said she was retracting her comments. The Madurai police has booked her for "promoting enmity" between different groups, while her remarks had drawn sharp criticism from Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin and other DMK leaders.

Bangalore North Lok Sabha candidate Shobha Karandlaje meets senior BJP leader Ramachandra Gowda in Bengaluru on Wednesday

FIR filed

An FIR has been filed against Karandlaje by the Madurai City Cyber Crime Police on Wednesday for her remarks, officials said.

According to the police, the action was taken against Shobha Karandlaje following a complaint lodged by a Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) worker. A case under sections 153, 153A, 505 (1) (b), and 505 (2) of the Indian Penal Code has been registered against Karandlaje, they said.

Chief Minister MK Stalin also condemned her remarks, demanding legal action. "Strongly condemn Union BJP Minister@ShobhaBJP's reckless statement. One must either be an NIA official or closely linked to the #RameshwaramCafeBlast to make such claims. Clearly, she lacks the authority for such assertions. Tamilians and Kannadigas alike will reject this divisive rhetoric of BJP," CM Stalin had said in a post on X on Tuesday night.

The BJP leader Karandlaje, after facing the backlash for her remarks, issued an apology over remarks on Tuesday, stating that her remarks were "meant to shine light, not cast shadows."

In a post on X, she wrote, "To my Tamil brothers & sisters, I wish to clarify that my words were meant to shine light, not cast shadows. Yet I see that my remarks brought pain to some - and for that, I apologize. My remarks were solely directed towards those trained in the Krishnagiri forest, linked to the Rameshwaram Cafe blast. To anyone from Tamilnadu affected, From the depths of my heart, I ask your forgiveness. Furthermore, I retract my previous comments." **– Agencies**

'I will win, Vijayendra will lose his BJP K'taka President post'

Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister of Karnataka, KS Eshwarappa, who has raised the banner of revolt against the party and is contesting as an independent candidate, stated on Wednesday that he will win from Shivamogga constituency.

Speaking to reporters on Wednesday, he added that state BJP President, BY Vijayendra will lose his position after the announcement of Lok Sabha election results.

The senior leader is contesting from Shivamogga as an independent candidate against BJP contestant BY Raghavendra, who is the son of former Chief Minister, BS Yediyurappa and brother of Vijayendra.

"They (BJP) have assured me that they will give the post of MLC to my son and I will be given the post of the Governor. My only concern is that the BJP should be thriving in the state," veteran leader Eshwarappa stated.

His son, KE Kantesh stated on Wednesday that his father was getting a good response in the Shivamogga constituency.

He said there was no question of Eshwarappa backtracking from his decision to contest from Shivamogga and it was in resonance with the feelings of the party workers.

"My father has not been cheated in so many years. This time it is cheating, it is unfair to us. Both the (Yediyurappa's) children should be fine, but what have we done?" Kantesh stated.

The veteran leader Eshwarappa held a meeting of supporters at his residence in Shivamogga and made an appeal for a large number of people to come out in his support on nomination day. **IANS**

Rs 5.85 crore in cash, alcohol worth Rs 21.48 cr seized in Karnataka

The Election Commission on Wednesday said Rs 5.85 crore cash and alcohol worth Rs 21.48 crore have been seized in Karnataka since the Model Code of Conduct came into force,

The general elections in Karnataka will be held in two phases on April 26 and May seven for its 28 constituencies.

According to EC officials, since the Model Code of Conduct came into force on March 16, the flying squads, static surveillance teams and police authorities have seized Rs 5.85 crore cash, Rs 5.87 lakh freebies, 6.84 lakh litres of liquor worth Rs 21.48 crore, 24.3 kg narcotic substances worth over Rs 15 lakh and precious metals valued at over Rs 27 crore.

They have also registered 205 FIRs with regard to seizure of cash, liquor, drugs, precious metal and freebies while 47,868 arms have been deposited, 827 arms were impounded, eight arms licences have been cancelled, 2,173 cases were booked under preventive sections of

CrPC, out of which 2,725 persons were bounded over.

The Excise Department has booked 249 heinous cases, 206 cases for breach of licence conditions, 13 NDPS (Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act) and 822 cases under Section 15 (a) of Karnataka Excise Act 1965 and also 156 different types of vehicles have been seized.

In a statement, the office of the Chief Electoral Officer of Karnataka said that Vijayapura Cyber, Economic and Narcotics (CEN) Police Station Team has seized Rs 2,93,50,000 cash in Bijapur Parliamentary constituency, Vijayapura taluk and district.

TheT team has seized Rs 32,92,500 cash in Siraguppa Taluk, Bellary Parliamentary constituency, Bellary district.

Another Rs 50,00,000 cash was seized by the static surveillance team in Bannikoppa Checkpost, Yelaburga Taluk, Koppal Parliamentary constituency, Koppal district.

"Out of the 1,740 calls received through voter helpline, 1,737 people have sought information, one has given feedback and three have registered complaints."

"Cumulatively 1,740 calls have been disposed of. In addition, 6,943 complaints have been registered by the citizens on NGSP (National Grievances Service Portal), out of which, 6,368 complaints have been disposed of," the statement added. **PTI**

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How to conserve water this Holi

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not give us the right to squander this shared resource," said Odette Katrak, co-founder of Beautiful Bharat, a citizen volunteer group.

While it is heartening to see many Bengalureans cutting back on water usage and finding ways to retain the essence of celebrations, citizens said participating in a rain dance while poor people struggle for drinking water is sheer lack of apathy.

"I wonder how these resorts and hotels are getting away with this. Covid-19 has probably not taught us anything about collective care.

It is hopeless to think that very few people care, including authorities, event organisers, hotel and resort owners, their staff, and the public willing to participate in these events.

Water board must take action against such establishments," said Serene, a resident of Hennur.

Events cancelled

Amid severe backlash, some commercial establishments have already struck out water-based fun events from their list of celebrations.

"We had plans to organise a rain dance and pool party. However, looking at the ongoing water scarcity that Bengaluru is facing, we have decided to do away with these components.

While the celebration event is still on, it will mostly be dry organic colour with changing rooms' facility," said a representative of a premier hotel in Whitefield.

Another hotel in Bellandur has decided to cancel the Holi celebration altogether.

According to another establishment in Madiwala, Holi celebration at the facility has been put on hold. "We do not have confirmation yet to go ahead with the celebration. The event is on hold for now," said a representative of the four-star hotel in the area.

Old age home risks closure

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neighbours who manage to share a few pots of drinking water that is supplied by water tankers to them.

"Our borewells have dried up due to the groundwater table hitting rock bottom. We want the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) authorities to make arrangements for supplying drinking water for the inmates of the old age home. There was no shortage of water all these years. Now the residents are struggling a lot for water. We are managing to share a few pots of drinking water with the inmates of the old age home," said CR Manjula, a homemaker.

All the people who were brought to the facility by police and others are either old age or children suffering with various health issues including mental disability. These persons were found lying on the roadside or abandoned at busy places. Some of the inmates are ill and need diapers, and it requires more money.

"With acute shortage of drinking water, I am finding it difficult to manage Asare Old Age Home as I could not afford to buy water at an exorbitant price. Each of the inmates needs a minimum of 30 litres of water for drinking and ablutions. We need around 6,000 litres of water per day. We need to spend Rs 1,000 to Rs 1,500 per water tanker," said Lion Jayaraj Naidu of Asare Old Age Home.

There is no shortage of various government departments or human rights organisations claiming that they exist for the benefit of needy people but nothing is being done to ensure welfare of orphans and destitute women in a city like Bengaluru. The right to life protected by Article 21 includes the right to water and the right to live with dignity.

"I can ask for rice or food for the inmates but where can I get water for them on a daily basis? I need a minimum of Rs 30,000 per day for food, medicines and accommodation (towards rent for the building) and I have to depend on donations," Naidu said.

Emphasising the need for water, he said arrangements have to be made to change diapers of senior citizens who are bedridden.

"If the premise is not kept clean and diapers not changed on a daily basis, it will be difficult for neighbours to reside at adjoining buildings. I appeal to the authorities and donors to help the old age home and arrange for sufficient water. I also appeal to authorities concerned and elected representatives to treat the inmates on par with voters," he said.

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THE EYES HAVE IT

All that ophthalmologists say you need to know about cataract surgery

Cataract surgery is one of the most popular and commonly performed procedures in the world. The vast majority of patients have excellent outcomes with few complications.

Over 90% of patients have 20/20 vision with glasses after surgery, although those with other eye conditions may not do as well, including those with glaucoma, a progressive disease typically associated with elevated pressure within the eye; diabetic retinopathy, which ultimately can cause leakage in the retinal tissues; and macular degeneration, a disease that is typically related to age.

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As ophthalmologists who have performed thousands of these procedures, we know that many patients have misconceptions about both cataracts and the surgery. For example, some think a cataract is a growth on the eye's surface.

We like to compare a cataract with the frosted glass of a bathroom window, where light can be transmitted but details cannot. Or when turbulence from a storm causes normally clear water in the ocean to become murky. In much the same way, the eye's once transparent lens becomes cloudy.

About the surgery

Cataract surgery removes the clouded lens of the eye and replaces it with a new, clear lens to restore your vision. Most patients report the procedure is painless.

It's typically an elective surgery that is performed on an outpatient basis. The patient is often awake, under local anesthesia, with sedation similar to that used for dental procedures. We like to say patients receive the equivalent of three margaritas in their IV.

Numbing drops are then applied to the eye's surface, along with an anesthetic inside the eye. Patients with claustrophobia, or movement disorders such as Parkinson's disease, may not be suitable candidates for awake surgeries and require general anesthesia.

Before surgery, patients receive dilating drops to make the pupil as large as possible. The surgeon makes a tiny incision, usually with a small pointed scalpel, between the clear and white part of the eye to gain access to the lens capsule, a thin membrane similar in thickness to a plastic produce bag at the grocery store.

This capsule is suspended by small fibers called zonules, which are arranged like the springs that suspend a trampoline from a frame. The surgeon then creates a small opening in the capsule, called a capsulotomy, to gain access to the cataract. The cataract is then broken into smaller parts so they are removable through the small incision.

This is similar to a tiny jackhammer, breaking the large lens into smaller pieces for removal. That sounds scary, but it's painless. Ultrasound emulsifies the lens and vacuum power then aspirates it from the eye.

Laser-assisted cataract surgery has been found to have similar outcomes to traditional cataract surgery.

Complications are rare

Serious complications, such as postoperative infection, bleeding in the eye or a postoperative retinal detachment are rare; they occur in approximately 1 in 1,000 cases. But even in many of these situations, appropriate management can salvage useful vision.

Capsular complications deserve additional discussion. According to some studies, they occur in up to 2% of cases. If a hole or tear of the posterior capsule is encountered during cataract surgery, the clear gel in the vitreous – the back chamber of the eye – may be displaced into the front chamber of the eye.

If that happens, the gel must be removed at the time of the cataract surgery. This will reduce the likelihood of additional postoperative complications, but those who have the procedure, known as a vitrectomy, have an increased risk for additional complications, including postoperative infections and postoperative swelling.

After the surgery

Patients usually go home right after the procedure. Most surgery centers require that the patient have someone drive them home, more for the anesthesia rather than the surgery. Patients begin applying postoperative drops that same day and must wear an eye shield at bedtime for a few weeks after surgery.

Patients should keep the eye clean and avoid exposure to dust, debris and water. They should try not to bend over and should avoid heavy lifting or straining in the first week or so after surgery. Lifting or straining can cause a surge of blood pressure to the face and eye. Known as a choroidal hemorrhage, it can lead to bleeding into the wall of the eye and be devastating to vision.

Things that cause only moderate increases in heart rate such as walking are OK. Routine postoperative examinations are usually completed the day after surgery, about a week after surgery and about a month after surgery.

> **"The plastic lens used to replace the cataract, or intraocular lens, requires careful sizing for optimal results and a nuanced discussion between patient and surgeon**

A choice of lens

The plastic lens used to replace the cataract, or intraocular lens, requires careful sizing for optimal results and a nuanced discussion between patient and surgeon.

Early intraocular lens technologies were monofocal, and most patients with these lenses chose distance correction and used reading glasses for near tasks. This is still the preferred approach for approximately 90% of patients having cataract surgery today.

Recent advances have led to intraocular lenses that offer multifocality – the opportunity to have near as well as distance vision, without glasses. Some multifocal lenses are even in the trifocal category, which includes distance, near, and intermediate vision, the latter of which in recent years has become very important for computer and phone use.

Most patients with these advanced technology multifocal lenses are happy with them. However, a small percentage of patients with multifocal lenses can be so bothered by visual disturbances – notably night glare and halos around light sources in the dark – that they request removal of the multifocal lens to exchange it for a standard intraocular lens. These exchanges are a reasonable option for such situations and offer relief for most affected patients.

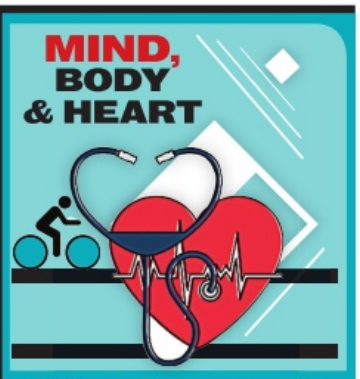
Determining who's an ideal candidate for a multifocal intraocular lens is an area of active research. Most clinicians would recommend against such a lens for a patient with a detail-oriented personality. Such patients tend to fixate on the shortcomings of these lenses despite their potential advantages.

As with many technologies, current generation advanced technology intraocular lenses are much better than their predecessors. Future offerings are likely to offer improved vision and fewer side effects than those available today.

But these newer lenses are often not reimbursed by insurance companies and often entail substantial out-of-pocket costs for patients.

Deciding on what type of lens is best for you can be complicated. Fortunately, except in unusual circumstances, such as when a cataract develops after trauma to the eye, there is seldom a hurry for adult cataract surgery.

Allan Steigleman, University of Florida and Elizabeth M Hofmeister, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, for The Conversation



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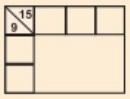

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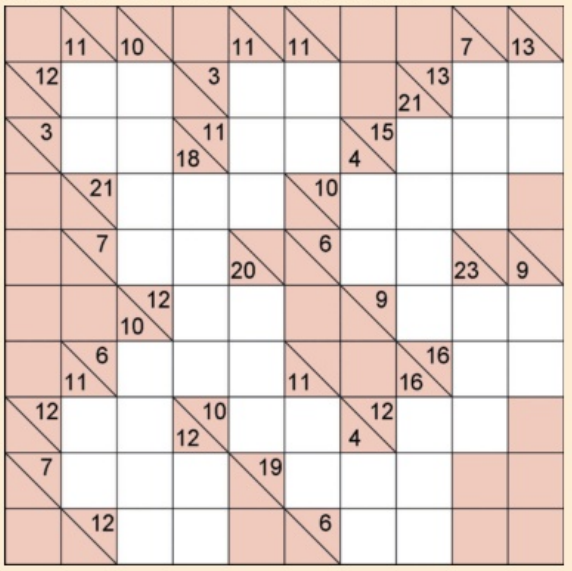

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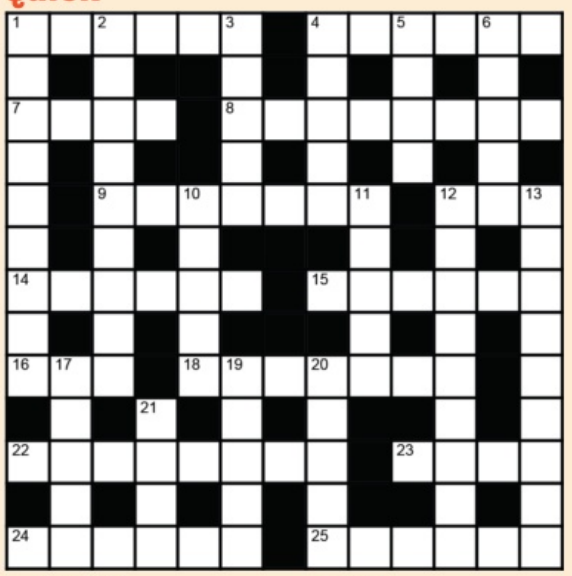


ACROSS

1 Climbing move (6)
4 Insanity (6)
7 Indian clarified butter (4)
8 Lacking confidence (8)
9 Fall into line (7)
12 A signal of distress (3)
14 Overlook or pass by (6)
15 Loss of speech (6)
16 Start of a vol. 1 heading (1,2)
18 Popular music streaming service (7)
22 Theme park located on the Place Grounds (3,5)
23 Keel over (4)
24 Rebukes or criticizes (6)
25 Dweller on the Red Sea (6)

DOWN

1 Famous South American country (9)
2 An increasing volume of sound (9)
3 One who steals (5)
4 One who didn't win (5)
5 Kind and good (4)
6 Monaco's Monte ___ (5)
10 Standards (5)
11 Many (prefix) (5)
12 First American woman in space (5,4)
13 Popular pasta dish (9)
17 Very far from tender (5)
19 Gardens open to public (5)
20 In these times (5)
21 Inspired wonder (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: K EQUALS N

RK QHKWB QM RWIDQK DZ LQXIF R IQK QM IFBQXG.

Linemaro

Baby, you're like a student and I'm like a math book... you solve all my problems!

Mindchow

All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make the better.

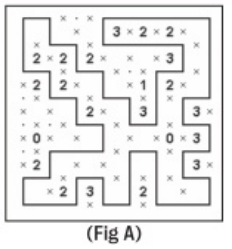
Joke of the day

You are stuck in a foxhole with a cobra, Saddam Hussein, a lawyer, and only two bullets in your gun. What do you do? Shoot the lawyer twice.

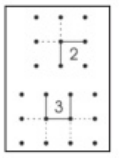
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)



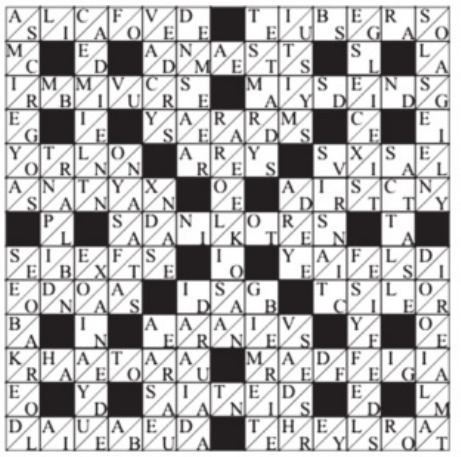
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

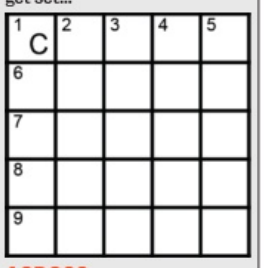
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

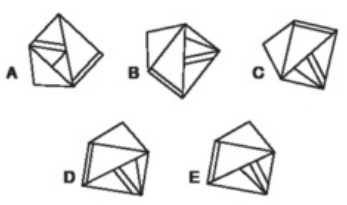
1 H acts; 6 Ryder; 7 Aline; 8 Alice; 9 Touch

DOWN

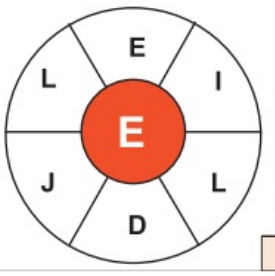
1 Circa; 2 O Hell; 3 A due I; 4 Tetra; 5 Shy CN

Mensapuzzle

Which one of the figures on the right can be formed by rotating the figure below?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

02 Average; 03 Good; 04 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

8			4	9	1			2
	3		2		7		4	
6	4		7		9		5	3
		9				4		
7	8		5		2		1	6
	7		6		5		8	
4			8	2	3			1

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

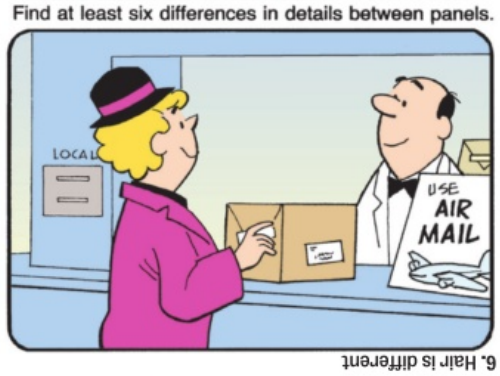
Easy = 13
3 5 6 9

Medium = 5
3 5 6 9

Hard = 2
2 5 5 4

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



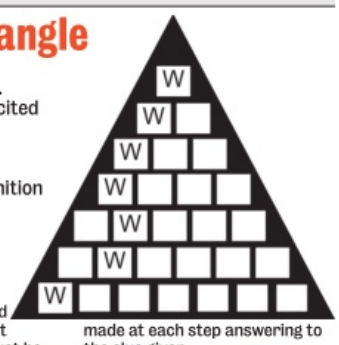
Differences: 1. Plane is larger 2. Label on box is moved. 3. Hat is different. 4. Window is smaller. 5. Woman is thinner. 6. Hair is different

Riddler

Which of these superheroes does not belong to the group? Spiderman The Hulk Batman Thor Iron Man Captain America Nightcrawler

Alpha triangle

1 Compass point
2 West Indies, abbr.
3 _ out, become excited
4 Part of a plane
5 Breathtaking
6 Canvas shelter
7 Caution or admonition

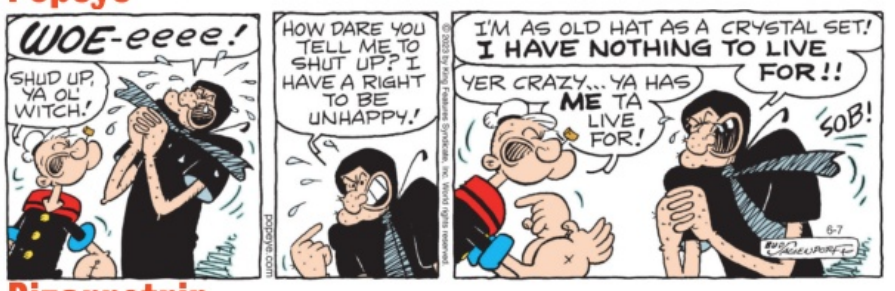


Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Popeye


WOE-eeee!
SHUD UP, YA OL' WITCH!
HOW DARE YOU TELL ME TO SHUT UP? I HAVE A RIGHT TO BE UNHAPPY!
I'M AS OLD HAT AS A CRYSTAL SET! I HAVE NOTHING TO LIVE FOR!!
YER CRAZY... YA HAS ME TA LIVE FOR!
SOB!

Bizarrotrip

Lousy parents, poor education, crummy diet, not enough exercise, too much TV, gimme your money.
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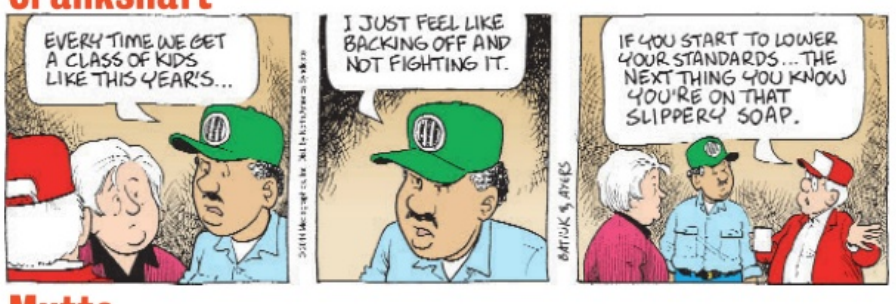
Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

AW, DON'T BE AFRAID OF KEVIN! HE'S ONLY MADE OF WOOD!
YEAH, MY BARK IS WORSE THAN MY BITE!
DIDN'T YOU EVER SEE A VENTRILOQUIST DUMMY UP CLOSE?
HEY, WHO YOU CALLING DUMMY, DUMMY?
THANKS, LADIES AND GERMS.
WE'LL BE HERE ALL WEEK.

Crankshaft


EVERY TIME WE GET A CLASS OF KIDS LIKE THIS YEAR'S...
I JUST FEEL LIKE BACKING OFF AND NOT FIGHTING IT.
IF YOU START TO LOWER YOUR STANDARDS... THE NEXT THING YOU KNOW YOU'RE ON THAT SLIPPERY SOAP.

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may be busy at work. Your wisdom may help you make the right decision, which may increase your business. You are also likely to get a big order, which may expend your work. You may utilise your creativity to renovate your home or office, which may improve your social status and you may invest in some creative assets as well.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may be happy by blessings from the moon. With patience, your performance may be good on the job, and you may get some incentives in terms of rewards. Health-related issues in the family will be resolved now. People seeking work are likely to get a good job. Love birds may enjoy their quality time.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may be able to control your expenditure on worthless things, increasing your financial health. You may be more creative today and use your creativity to decorate your office or home, which may enhance your social status. Lovebirds may likely get some support from their family members to maintain their relationship status. Students may hear good news in terms of academics.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, some situations are under control, and you may have resolved yesterday's messy situation. You may work with patience, which may reflect on your way of working. You may also plan for an outing. Students may have a good focus on their goals. Singles may find love with the help of friends or relatives.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may help needy people which may increase your reputation in the society. You might incorporate innovation into the work, which may boost your business. A positive result may make you happy. Love birds may plan for outings or some adventure tour.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon, which may give you peace of mind. Externally, you may face some work-related stress, but your inner sense may be calm and cool, which may help you to balance everything. You may enjoy every moment of work and domestic life. You may open new sources of income, which can help boost your savings.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may feel unhappy. You may be impatient and may be a victim of mood swings, which may reflect on your domestic life harmony. You are advised to avoid arrogance at work to prevent creating enemies around you and avoid rush-hour driving.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may be dissatisfied and have some sort of detachment from your responsibilities, leading to some confusion. You may also be taking care of your parents. You may plan hypothetically for your projects, and you are advised to be practical for the timely completion of your work. If you are planning to migrate, you are advised to postpone it for a few days. You are also waiting for a while before you act.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may feel dull, and some old health issues might resurface. You are likely to be a victim of tiredness, which might make you arrogant, which may affect your domestic harmony. Your profits may be converted into losses. You are advised to think twice before making any type of financial transaction.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may be happy and spread happiness around you. You may feel harmony in your personal life, and you may enjoy some romantic moments with your spouse. Your family may support you in taking some important decisions. You may also make some crucial decisions in the professional arena and may expect some new ventures or partnerships in the business.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may be enthusiastic and focused, which may speed up your postponed projects. Your siblings may help you start a new project, which may yield profits in the near future. You may expect some short trips related to your family issues. Job seekers may hear good news soon.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may feel inner strength. You may convert your losses into profits, which may increase your business growth and liquidity. With the help of your subordinates, you may be able to make some difficult business decisions. Your seniors may praise your performance at work, and you may expect to receive incentives that can increase your savings.

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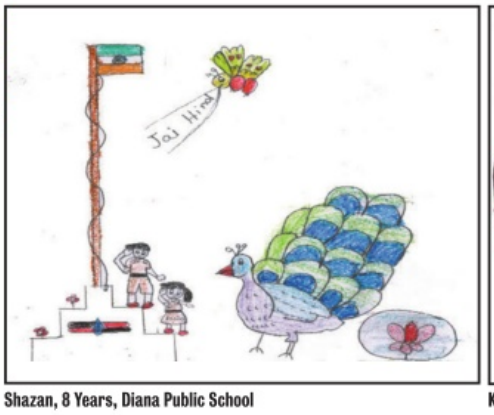

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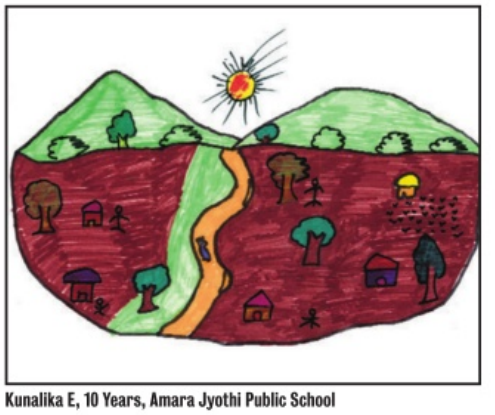
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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
√5(6-2+7)/12!/5=
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BULL'S EYE
dell, idle, JELLIED, lled

STRIKE OUT

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FAST FIVE

C	H	A	T	S
R	E	D	R	Y
A	L	I	E	N
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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
C.

RIDDLER
Batman. The rest are Marvel comic superheroes

QUOTE UNCODE
An ounce of action is worth a ton of theory.

SUDOKU

3	1	8	9	7	4	6	2	5
4	5	6	8	2	3	7	9	1
9	7	2	6	1	5	3	8	4
7	8	3	5	4	2	9	1	6
5	2	9	1	3	6	4	7	8
6	4	1	7	8	9	2	5	3
1	3	5	2	6	7	8	4	9
8	6	7	4	9	1	5	3	2
2	9	4	3	5	8	1	6	7

ALPHA TRIANGLE
W, Wi, Wig, Wing, Wing, Awning, Warning.

GO FIGURE
Easy
9 + 3 + 6 − 5 = 13
Medium
5 − 9 + 6 + 3 = 5
Hard
4 − 5 + 5 − 2 = 2

LOOP

KAKURO

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Dosa Tava

Deep Kadhai

Uttapam Pan

Appachatty

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- Nonstick coating on Hard Anodised surface – lasts longer • No PFOA

Cast Iron

Dosa Tava

Frying Pan

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